



# Solicitors Act 1974

## 1974 CHAPTER 47

### PART II

#### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE, CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE OF SOLICITORS AND CLERKS

##### *[<sup>F1</sup> Costs of investigations*

##### <sup>F1</sup> <sub>F2F3</sub> **44C** Power to charge for costs of investigations.

- (1) The Society may make regulations prescribing charges to be paid to the Society by solicitors who are the subject of a discipline investigation.
- (2) A “discipline investigation” is an investigation carried out by the Society into—
  - (a) possible professional misconduct by a solicitor, or
  - (b) a failure or apprehended failure by a solicitor to comply with any requirement imposed by or by virtue of this Act or any rules made by the Society.
- (3) Regulations under this section may—
  - (a) make different provision for different cases or purposes;
  - (b) provide for the whole or part of a charge payable under the regulations to be repaid in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the regulations.
- (4) Any charge which a solicitor is required to pay under regulations under this section is recoverable by the Society as a debt due to the Society from the solicitor.
- (5) This section (other than subsection (2)(a)) applies in relation to an employee of a solicitor as it applies in relation to a solicitor.]]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 44C and cross-heading inserted (27.9.1999) by 1999 c. 22, s. 48, **Sch. 7 para. 13** (with **Sch. 14 para. 7(2)**); S.I. 1999/2657, **art. 2(a)**
- F2** S. 44C substituted (31.3.2009) by **Legal Services Act 2007** (c. 29), ss. 177, 211, **Sch. 16 para. 45** (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/503, **art. 2(b)(i)** (subject to art. 4)

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 44C extended (22.5.2000) by S.I. 2000/1119, regs. 1, 37(3), Sch. 4 para. 7(2) (as amended (1.7.2009) by The Legal Services Act 2007 (Registered European Lawyers) Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1587), **art. 3(7)(c)**)
- C2** S. 44C(1)-(4) extended (with modifications) (1.7.2009) by The Registered Foreign Lawyers Order 2009 (S.I. 2009/1589), **art. 3(2)(j)**, Sch.

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